GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLED GOODS CURRENCY SEIZED BY CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of smuggled goods and foreign currency seized by the Custom officials from January 1 to till date State-wise;

(b) the number of Indian and foreign nationals apprehended in each case of smuggling of goods and currency separately;

(c) the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken to check the smuggling of goods and foreign currency into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) : The information is as per Annexure.

(b) : 323 Indian nationals and 36 foreign nationals have been apprehended for smuggling of goods whereas 52 Indian nationals and 15 foreign nationals have been apprehended for smuggling of foreign currency.

(c) : Action as per law is being taken in respect of goods and persons under the Customs Act, 1962 and allied laws.

(d): Customs field formations, including Directorate of RevenueIntelligence, are vigilant and alert to prevent and detect smuggling of contraband goods including foreign currency.